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In re Application of: Daniel E. E. Hayes, Jr. et al.
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For: MODULAR PROSTHETIC COMPONENT WITH
IMPROVED BODY SHAPE
Group Art Unit: 3732
Examiner: Michael B. Priddy
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby make the following documents of record in the above-identified application:

U.S. Patents

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 5,549,706, issued 8/27/96 to McCarthy
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 5,002,578, issued 3/26/91 to Luman
- (3) U.S. Patent No. 4,790,852, issued 12/13/88 to Noiles
- (4) U.S. Patent No. 4,846,839, issued 7/11/89 to Noiles

Copies of these documents, which are listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449 (one page), are enclosed herewith. Applicants respectfully request that these documents be fully considered by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application and printed on any patent which may issue on this application. Applicants also respectfully request that a copy of Form PTO-1449 (one page), as considered and initialed by the Examiner, be returned to the undersigned with the next communication.

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It is believed that this disclosure complies with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. If for any reason the Examiner considers otherwise, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned be contacted by the Examiner by telephone in order that any deficiencies may be expeditiously remedied.

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